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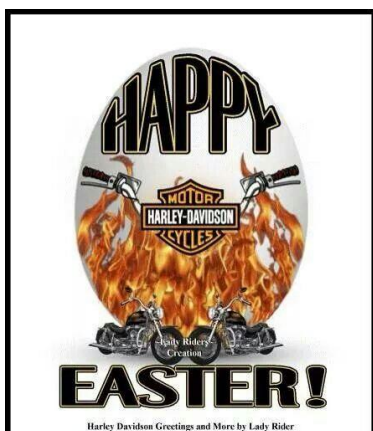
Here comes Peter Cottontail hopping down the bunny trail. Oh no wait it's just a couple of Memphis HOG Members heading out for a ride. Happy Easter to all my **HOG** family. I want to welcome all our New Members again. I encourage you all to get involved and get to know your Chapter Members....they love to ride!! Most are very knowledgeable about rides to take and would love to have you along. Join in the fun of activities and rides! Seasoned Members, I would like for y'all to get to know some of the new faces, or even a face that you recognize but have not introduced yourself to. I have always said the best way to become friends, starts with a handshake or a hug.

As the director I'm all about "**Membership has its privileges; Participation has its rewards**". You've taken the first step, you joined Memphis HOG Chapter 4928, however If you're not participating, you're not getting the most out of your membership. It's by participating that you get the satisfaction you deserve. It's how you meet new people and try new things. I love volunteering, it is an opportunity to meet new people, talk about different topics, find common ground and with any luck a new memory to carry into the future. Come to a meeting, join in on a ride, volunteer for one of our activities, maybe join a committee or become a Road Captain or Officer. What do you get back, **GREAT MEMORIES**. Your commitment to your membership is already showing, you are reading this and other articles in this April Newsletter.

There are many ways to up the ante on your membership. Show up, don't be shy, shake hands or give a big hug and ask questions. You'll be surprised what comes your way. I can only say trust me. You will get back what you put in and more. As the 2023 Memphis HOG Chapter Director, I welcome you to the Memphis HOG family, now let's ride and make some memories.

April showers bring May flowers, and also the need to service that motorcycle you are riding. This is a great time to get into Bumpus Harley-Davidson service department. Stop in and see Tony or Emilio, have them setup a service appointment, to Have them check out your tires, brakes and all your fluids. Make sure your motorcycle will not let you down during one of our upcoming hot summer day rides. It's just not that fun sitting on the side of the road with your broke down motorcycle. While watching the world go by. Harley-Davidson motorcycle company is celebrating their 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. If you stop over and see Val and her sales team in the motorclothes department she has a lot of great apparel celebrating the 120th anniversary. everything from shirts to hats, boots and possibly even a car steering wheel cover. Don't hesitate once this apparel is gone, you'll have to wait for the 125th anniversary.

**“Always remember, friends don’t let friends ride alone. Now get out there and put some miles on  
Tim Backus 2023 Memphis HOG Director**





# Carol's Conrer

April 2023

Do you remember when you bought your first Harley? The excitement you felt? Well, I never bought one myself, but I'd like to tell you the story of Jim's buying experience that I experienced firsthand.

Now, Jim has been riding since he started out on mini bikes and dirt bikes when he was a kid. He has owned a few different motorcycles over the years, but this was his first Harley. Ever since I met him 32 years ago, owning a Harley is all he talked about. Even in our garage he would tell me to keep my car to the right of the line in the center of the garage, because the left side was parking for his Harley. The Harley that he didn't even have!!

It was January 28, 2017...a cold, COLD Saturday morning in Parker, CO. Jim and I were sitting at the kitchen table eating breakfast when he asked me what I wanted to do today. I looked at him and said "Wanna go buy your Harley?" He looked at me and laughed. I told him I was serious as I had saved up the money without his knowledge because I wanted it to be a surprise for him. He was like a kid on Christmas morning running around the house saying "Where's my shoes?? Where's my shoes??" As we were driving to Mile High Harley Davidson in Aurora, CO Jim kept looking over at me asking if this was a joke. LOL!

We arrived at the dealership and Jim had a smile on his face that wouldn't come off. We sat down with a salesman and Jim told him what he was looking for. Jim was still looking at me like at any moment I was going to tell him it was a joke...but it was for real. We spent five hours in that dealership...met with sales, met with finance, arranged for insurance, went to motorclothes for a vest, helmet, gloves, boots...the works! Now the fun part...signing the contract!

We were taken into the finance office and the guy started going over the contract line by line with us. I glanced at Jim, and he looked like he was about to puke. When he was finished explaining everything, he turned the contract around and slid it in front of Jim for his signature. Jim just sat there, staring at the paper. I looked at Jim and he continued to sit motionless, silent, not making a sound...staring at the contract. I looked at the finance guy and he was looking at me; both of us not knowing what was going on. After all, this was the moment that Jim had waited for his whole life. I personally thought that he would have been a little more excited! I then asked the finance guy if Jim and I could have a couple minutes, so he left the room.

Jim then stood up and stepped behind the door so no one could see him. He glanced at me and with the look on his face, I could have sworn Jim was about to have a panic attack! He just kept saying over and over "I can't do this. I can't do this!" WHY NOT? I calmly explained again how I had saved the money on my own and none of it came from our savings. I explained that if I wasn't 100% sure that I could work the monthly payment into our budget, then we would not be there! I called the finance guy back in, Jim signed, and we were the proud owners of Jim's new baby. His dream had come true. Now to get it home!

Jim (as always) was in shorts and a t-shirt. Those of you that know him, knows that he doesn't ride in shorts, much less in sub zero weather. So, the finance guy told him to go pick out a pair of jeans for free, but they didn't have his size. One of the guys from service walked by and volunteered to trailer our bike home for us. Awesome!

When we arrived home, the guy drove the bike down the ramp and right into our garage. Jim just stood back and admired HIS Harley sitting in HIS garage! He had a smile that could not be wiped off his face! He kept walking around the bike, admiring it, touching it. The guy from the dealership just watched with a smile on his face, and he asked me "Is this his first Harley?"...I answered "How could you tell?" He just laughed.

It was COLD outside, so I went into the house but Jim didn't come in or quite some time. I thought he was gonna sleep out in the garage with it...but he didn't. 😊 When he finally came in, he went up stairs to change into long jeans and off he went! He had to take it out, riding in the freezing cold with a smile from ear to ear frozen on his face!

From that day on, I stayed on my side of the garage so the Harley could stay on that side. Even after 6 years, he still smiles as he walks by HIS Harley in HIS garage. I smile because it's paid off this month!

Every ride a memory!  
Carol Tactac, Assistant  
Director





## ACTIVITIES CHIT CHAT April Newsletter 2023

There's an old saying about March coming in like a lion and going out like a lamb. I think it happened opposite this year. That was a terrible storm on March 31 and prayers for all those affected.

For our out of town rides requiring lodging, I always attempt to block some motel rooms at a reduced rate. I take a few things into consideration like cleanliness, quality, price, location, breakfast, and does it have an area that we can congregate together. I discovered last year that as the year went on, motel rates increased. I also discovered that it was becoming difficult to block rooms. This year, I am discovering that motel rates have increased, again, and it is more difficult to block rooms.

March 4 was one of our lunch rides to Backermann's. The dinner social was at Pop's Kitchen on March 16. The swap meet was a little chilly on March 18. It was a beautiful day on March 25 for a scenic lunch ride to Barretville General Store and a visit to the Mid South Military Museum. April 1 was a great day, even though there was a little wind, for the Past Directors Lunch ride to Blues Landing.

Easter weekend is April 8 and 9. I hope that everyone has an enjoyable weekend and God bless you.

April 12 is our first Bike Night on Beale. April 15 is the Dream Factory Poker Run, which will help, grant dreams of chronically and critically ill children. Plans are to have the dinner social at Wolf River Brisket Germantown. As I write this, I still have to call them to see if they can accommodate us. April 26 is the time for our 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at Bike Night on Beale. The Natchez Trace Parkway outside of Tupelo to French Camp, Ms will be our lunch ride for April 29. This will be more miles than usual. May 3 is a trip to the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Thunder Beach Rally.

Ride Safe and Have Fun!!!!

### **APRIL FOOL ME YOU CAN'T**

Saturday, April 1, 2023

Past Directors Lunch Ride to Blues Landing

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

First Beale St Bike Night for 2023

Thursday, April 13, 2023

Chapter Meeting at Coletta's

Saturday, April 15, 2023

Dream Factory Poker Run

Thursday, April 20, 2023

Dinner Social Wolf River Brisket

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Beale St Bike Night

Saturday, April 29, 2023

Natchez Trace Spring Lunch Ride

### **MAY BRINGS FLOWERS**

5/3-7/2023

25th Annual Thunder Beach Rally PCB

Saturday, May 6, 2023

Lunch Ride to Longhorn Schooner

Thursday, May 11, 2023

Chapter Meeting at Coletta's

Fri-Sun 5/19-21/23  
Wednesday, May 24, 2023  
Saturday, May 27, 2023

Tennessee Motorcycles & Music Revival  
Dinner Social at Beale St Bike Night  
Lunch Ride to Taylor's Grocery OXFORD MS

Saturday, June 3, 2023  
Thursday, June 8, 2023  
Friday, 6/9-11/23  
Thursday, June 15, 2023  
Saturday, June 17, 2023  
Saturday, June 24, 2023  
Wednesday, June 28, 2023

**JUNE AND IT'S SUMMER**  
Lunch Ride to Livingston's  
Chapter Meeting at Coletta's  
Eureka Springs  
Dinner Social  
Iron Butt 1000 Miles 24 Hours  
Lunch Ride to The Grind  
Beale St Bike Night

Saturday, July 1, 2023  
Thursday, July 13, 2023  
Thursday, 7/13-16/2023  
Thursday, July 20, 2023  
Wednesday, July 26, 2023  
Saturday, July 29, 2023

**JULY DANG IT'S HOT**  
Lunch Ride to Boyette's Reelfoot  
Chapter Meeting at Coletta's  
HD Homecoming in Milwaukee  
Dinner Social  
Beale St Bike Night  
Lunch Ride

Saturday, August 5, 2023  
Thursday, August 10, 2023  
Thursday, August 17, 2023  
Friday 8/18-21/23  
Wednesday, August 23, 2023  
Saturday, August 26, 2023

**AUGUST WATCH OUT FOR THE SCHOOL BUSES**  
Lunch Ride  
Chapter Meeting at Coletta's  
Dinner Social  
Copperhead Lodge and Resort  
Beale St Bike Night  
Lunch Ride

Saturday 9/2-4/23  
Saturday, September 2, 2023  
Saturday, September 9, 2023  
Thursday, September 14, 2023  
9/20-23/2023  
Wednesday, September 27, 23  
Saturday, September 30, 2023

**SEPTEMBER OH FALL WILL BE HERE SOON**  
The Springfield Mile, Springfield IL  
Lunch Ride  
Movie Night  
Chapter Meeting  
Bikes Blues BBQ Rogers AR Pig Trail HD  
Dinner Social at Beale St Bike Night  
Lunch Ride

**OCTOBER AND YES IT IS FALL AROUND THE CORNER**

Monday 10/2-8/2023  
Saturday, 10/7-9/2023  
Saturday, October 7, 2023  
Saturday, October 14, 2023  
Thursday, October 19, 2023  
Saturday, October 21, 2023  
Saturday, October 28, 2023

Myrtle Beach Bike Week Fall Rally  
Scenic Riding Weekend TBA  
Lunch Ride  
36th Annual HOG Waller and Chapter Meeting  
Dinner Social  
Lunch Ride  
Chili and Dessert Cook Off

11/4/23-11/5/23  
Saturday, November 4, 2023  
Thursday, November 16, 2023

**NOVEMBER REMINDING US TO GIVE THANKS**  
Patti's Settlement  
Lunch Ride  
Thanksgiving Dinner and Chapter Meeting

**DECEMBER DON'T RUN OVER SANTA CLAUS**  
Christmas Dinner and Chapter Meeting

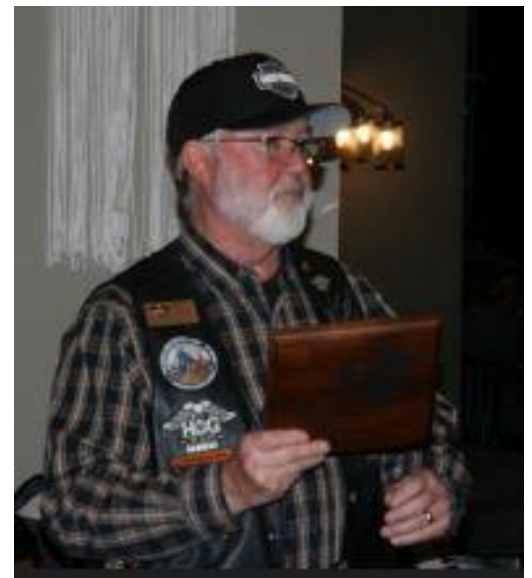




## **MESSAGE FROM HOG SAFETY OFFICER** **HOG Safety Article April 2023**

Well, spring is in the air and motorcycle riding time has started. The safety thought for this month is animal safety. Have you ever had a close encounter with a furry friend of nature on your motorcycle? Data shows that in a 12 month period about 1.9 million accidents nationwide occur between a vehicle and animals. Further data shows that Tennessee ranks 26 in the nation of having an accident with an animal. This means you have a 1 in 107 chance of hitting an animal in Tennessee. What kind of animals are you likely to encounter on the road? Deer are the most frequent and probably the most dangerous to a motorcyclist. Then there are bigger animals such as cows and horses that occasionally get out of fences. There are also smaller animals such as squirrels, dogs, cats etc. Since I have been riding I have had several close encounters with deer, dogs, and even a raccoon. You used to only see deer in the early morning and late afternoon. However, with the deer population increasing from 500,000 in 1980 to about 1.5 million today in Tennessee you will see deer at all hours of the day or night and in all types of weather. Fall is the most prevalent time for deer to be rushing across the road because the does get chased by Bucks wanting to have sex. But spring can also be a problem as newborn fawns are being born and the mother and the fawn can run across roads without looking because of predators after them. What safety tips do I have to offer? First be observant and diligent in scanning your surrounding as you go down the road. Don't get tunnel vision and just look at the bike ahead of you. If an animal is coming your way slow down and then brake hard as necessary. HONK the horn to get their attention. If you have a passenger on the back of the bike have them be on the lookout as well. We have had several members of the HOG club in the past have a collision with a deer while riding alone or even in a group. No one was seriously injured but the bike had lots of damage as a result of the collision. If a squirrel or small animal runs in front of you, not to worry, as they are mostly squishable and will not upset the bike if you hit them. So it is best not to brake hard for a squirrel.

**BE SAFE OUT THERE AS SOMETHING IS ALWAYS OUT THERE TO RUN INTO**  
**KEEP THE SHINEY SIDE UP**  
**SAFETY LARRY**



## Membership Alley 2023



Happy Spring! Our current chapter membership sits at 112 active members. Looking forward to seeing everyone on all the great rides we have coming up.

We love new members and word of mouth is one of the best ways to attract attention to our group. If you know someone who is interested, please give us their contact information and we'll handle it from there.

As always, we are excited about warmer weather and the upcoming riding season, and we want to enjoy it with you.

If you have any questions, give us a shout.

Now, let's go ride!

Chris and Tracy Taylor

2023 Membership Officers







## The Treasurer's Corner

April Susan Miller 2023

Update from the Treasurer's corner...

Our March account balance started at \$8132.04, and we ended the month with \$7648.86.

We had expenses in the amount of \$723.18, which was for SmugMug website, Refunds, Trifolds, March door Prize, RCMtg Exp.

We had income in the amount of \$240.00 mostly due to 2023,50/50

Reminder, please use PayPal or leave your payment in the drawer at the parts counter at Bumpus if you need to pay for anything.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions (email preferred - [susan\\_miller@outlook.com](mailto:susan_miller@outlook.com)).

Susan





**The Webmaster**  
Photographer



## Memphis Harley Owners Group

Chapter Mission Statement & Purpose  
"To Ride and Have Fun."

It's not the destination, "it is the journey." Finding interesting places and riding our Harleys to get there with a bunch of great folks.





# Membership

## To Join HOG National

In order to join the Memphis HOG Chapter, you must first be a national or associate HOG member in good standing. Click the link for the Harley Owners Group website to read about HOG Events, Membership Types and Membership Benefits. Once you join, you receive a membership number. Use this number to join Memphis HOG.

## Join the local Memphis HOG Chapter

Download the Memphis HOG form and fill it out. There are three ways to submit the form;

1. Drop off the form along with \$25 cash or check at the Bumpus HD Memphis parts counter.
2. Bring it to the next Memphis H.O.G. activity. Check the Events Calendar for upcoming events.
3. Mail the form and a \$25 check made out to "Memphis HOG Chapter". Mail to:

Memphis HOG Chapter # 4928  
Bumpus Harley Davidson  
2160 Whitten Road  
Memphis, TN 38133-6004



### 2023 Officer Team

**Sponsor:** Tim Bumpus

**Director:** Tim Backus

**Assistant Director:** Carol Tactac

**Treasurer:** Susan Miller

**Secretary:** Jim Tactac

**Activities:** Cathy Coats

**Head Road Captain:** Dave Stockton

**Membership:** Tracy & Chris Taylor

**Safety Officer:** Larry Allen

**Photographer:** Tony Crook

**Web Master:** Tony Crook

### 2023

Top 20 Participation Points		
Place	Name	Points
1	Jim Tactac	19
6	Tammie Caldwell	17
11	Susan Miller	16
11	Larry Allen	16
21	Dave Stockton	15
21	Ed Lowe	15
21	Tommy Caldwell	15
21	Timothy Backus	15
41	Christopher Taylor	13
41	Jim Ferguson	13
51	Tracy Taylor	12
56	Roelant Verbeek	11
56	Frank Rector	11
56	Mike Farina	11
56	Bradley Eskins	11
56	Bill Clemmons	11
56	Rick Barbee	11
86	Al Torres	10
86	Carol Tactac	10
86	Tim Mitchell	10

Top 20 Club Mileage		
Place	Name	Miles
1	Bill Clemmons	1378
6	Ed Lowe	1140
11	Dave Carlson	1104
16	Robert Rehkopf	1026
16	Susan Miller	1026
26	Bradley Eskins	560
26	Larry Allen	560
36	Al Torres	524
36	Tammie Caldwell	524
46	Tim Mitchell	446
51	Mike Farina	410
51	Peter Doorley	410
51	Tommy Caldwell	410
66	James Coats	310
71	Jim Tactac	286
71	Dave Stockton	286
71	Frank Rector	286
71	Dan Benson	286
91	Jerry Rice	274
91	J. Carolyn Rice	274

Participation Points and Club Mileage through  
April 12, 2023  
Max Points = 28  
Max Mileage = 1550



## *Memphis HOG Patches*



*Memphis Chapter Top Rocker  
Available in Gold and Silver  
Small \$25.00  
Large \$40.00*



*HOG Logo  
Available in Full Color and Silver  
Small \$6.00  
Large \$15.00*



*HOG Heritage Logo  
Small \$6.00  
Large \$15.00*

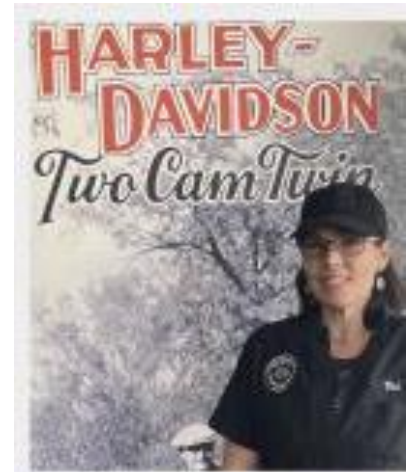


**MEMPHIS HOG'S**

**April Employee of the Month**

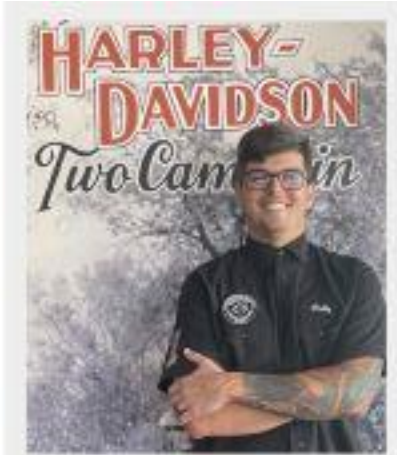
**TAMILYA ROLAND**

**MOTORCLOTHES SPECIALIST**



**VAL BRADLEY**

Motorclothes Manager



**COLBY BENNARD**

General Manager



**Reggie Butler**

Service Manager



**DILLON CAIN**

Parts Manager

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Traditional styles and designs or ones to complement your bike



**Bags, Bags, and More Bags**



**Custom Chaps**



BTW... The ride on Monroe Road from Canada Road to Chambers Chapel is amazing.

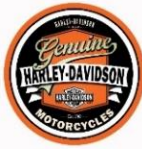
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**FOR SALE**  
Motorcycle



**Harley Davidson  
Nylon Jacket Size XL \$30  
Dave Stockton  
378-1466**

**For Sale**

1- Harley Davidson  
indoor/outdoor waterproof  
motorcycle cover. Part# 98721-90  
fits Sportster or Dyna. Very good  
condition. Cost new  
\$110 Asking \$50

**For Sale**

2- Harley Davidson  
indoor/outdoor waterproof  
motorcycle cover. Part# 98724-  
92B fits Dyna, Softail models, and  
V-Rod Cost new \$115 Asking  
\$50

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\*Join our members-only Facebook group Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/282199048513345/>

To join: Go to the page and click "Join"

One of the officers will add you to the FB group.

Note: There is a public FB page

<https://www.facebook.com/MemphisHogChapter/>

\* Check out our webpage and online calendar

<http://www.memphishog.com/>

<http://www.memphishog.com/#!calendar/c1nf7>

The chapter calendar is compatible with Google Calendar and iPhones.

Search for the calendar associated with the chapter activities email:

[memphishogactivities@gmail.com](mailto:memphishogactivities@gmail.com)

\* Special Note to AOL mail users

Please add [memphishogactivities@gmail.com](mailto:memphishogactivities@gmail.com) to your email contacts. This will help ensure chapter emails don't end up in your trash\spam folder



## DO YOU KNOW HOW TO STAY IN CONTACT WITH BUMPUS HARLEY DAVIDSON (MEMPHIS)?

Website: <http://www.bumpushdmemphis.com/>

Event calendar: <http://www.bumpushdmemphis.com/check-out-our-events--calendar>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BumpusHarleyMemphis/>

Twitter: [@BumpusHDMem](https://twitter.com/BumpusHDMem)

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### INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING IN OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER?

Ads are free to current members selling personal items, e.g., bikes, bike parts, garage sale items, etc.

Business ads run for \$50/yr. for a business card, \$75/yr. for a ½ page, and \$100/yr. for a full-page ad. Please contact Tim Backus to set up your ad.